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STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

This is to inquire as to the current status of the above referenced application.

The application was filed on April 6, 1997 and the filing requirements were completed on May 23, 1997 (more than 5 years ago). To date no communication of any kind has been received from the Patent and trademark Office, except for the Official Filing Receipt.

Status inquiries were filed on October 17, 2000 and September 27, 2001 – both were not answered.

We would appreciate your advising us of the status of this application and indicate when we may expect the next official communication.

A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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